The ſeuerall Rates and taxations for VVages,

made and ſet foorth by the Iuſtices of Peace, for the Towne of Higham Ferrers, in the Countie of Northampton.

VHere in the Parliament holden at Weſtminſter the xii. day of Ianuarie, in the fift yeere of the reigne of our Soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maieſty, it was enacted by the Queene our ſoueraigne Lady, the Lords ſpirituall and tempozall, and the commons in that Parliament aſſembled, that the Iuſtices of the Peace of euery Shire, Riding, & libertie, within the limits of their ſeuerall commiſſions, oz the moze part of them, being reſiant within the ſame, and the Sherife of the Countie, if he conueniently might, and euery Maioz, Bailife, oz other head officer within any Citie oz Towne cozpozate, wherein is any Iuſtices of the Peace within the limits of the ſaid Citie oz Towne, ſhould by fozce of the ſaide Act, yeerely after Eaſter at times conuenient, appointed by the ſame, aſſemble themſelues together, and calling befoze them ſuch diſcreete and graue perſons of the ſaid County, Citie and Towne, as they ſhould thinke meete, and conferring together, reſpecting the plentie oz ſcarcity of the time and other circumſtances neceſſarily to be conſidered, ſhould by vertue of the ſaid Act, within the limits and pzecincts of their ſeuerall commiſſions, limite, rate, and appoynt the wages, as well of ſuch and ſo many of the ſaid Artificers, handicrafts men, huſbandmen, oz any other labozer, ſeruant, oz wozkeman, whoſe wages in times paſt hath bene by any law of Statute rated & appointed, as alſo the wages of all other labozers, artificers, wozkmen, oz appzentices of huſbandzy, which haue not bene rated, as the ſame Iuſtices, Maiozs, oz head officers within their ſeuerall cõmiſſions oz liberties, ſhould thinke meete by their diſcretions to be rated, limited, oz appointed, and the ſame rates & taxations ſhould certifie vnto the Queenes highnes Court of Chancery befoze a certaine day limited in ſ ſaid Act. Wherupon it ſhould be lawful foz the Lozd Chancelloz, oz Lozd keeper of the great ſeale of England, foz the time being, vpon declaration thereof to her Highneſſe, her heires oz ſucceſſozs, oz to the Lozds & others of her Maieſties pziuie Counſel, to cauſe Pzoclamations to be pzinted & ſent down into euery of the ſaid ſhires and places, conteining the ſeuerall rates appointed by the ſaid Iuſtices & other head officers, commanding thereby in her Highnes name, all perſons ſtraitly to obſerue & keepe the ſame, vpon the danger of the puniſhment and fozfaitures limited & appoynted by the ſaid Act and Statute.

And where alſo it is further enacted by the authozity afozeſaid, that all maner of perſon and perſons, after ſuch Pzoclamation made, ſhould obſerue and keepe the ſaid rates foz wages, vpon paine of the fozfaitures & penalties conteined in the ſaid Eſtatute, vntill by further ozder by Pzoclamation, accozding to the purpozt of the ſame Eſtatute, it ſhould be otherwiſe ozdered and pzoclaimed: Wherefoze the Queenes Maieſtie, hauing receiued into her ſaid Court of Chancery, amongſt diuers other Certificates, from ſundzy her Highnes Shires, Cities & Townes, one Certificate from the Towne of Higham Ferrers, conteining the Rates foz wages hereafter following, made and appointed by the Iuſtices of the Towne of Higham Ferrers, accozding to the tenour of the ſame Act: And minding to haue the ſame rates put in execution in all points, as by the pzoceſſe of the ſame Act is pzeſcribed, like as her Maieſtie hath and intendeth to doe in all other her Highneſſe Counties and Shires, and other places of Libertie within this her Realme: Therefoze her Highneſſe ſtraightly chargeth and commaundeth all maner perſon and perſons within the Towne of Higham Ferrers, to keepe and obſerue in all poynts the ſaid rates, taxations, ozders and appointments foz wages hereafter following and ſet fozth vpon the paines and fozfeitures appointed by the ſaid eſtatute, and vpon paine of her Highneſſe diſpleaſure.

And further her Highneſſe pleaſure zerpzeſſe commaudement is, that all Iuſtices of Peace, Sherifes, & other Officers of the ſaid Towne of Higham Ferrers, ſhall ſee and cauſe the ſame rates duely and ſeuerely to be obſerued and kept in all points: And this Pzoclamation to be vſed in euery behalfe, accozding to the tenoz and effect of the ſame Act. And her Maieſties further pleaſure and commandement is, that if any queſtion, ſcruple oz doubt, ſhall ariſe vpon any of the taxations oz rates foz the ſayd Towne of Higham Ferrers hereunder mentioned: That then the ſame ſhalbe reſolued and determined by her Highneſſe Iuſtices of Peace, that did make and ozdeine the ſame taxations and rates: And that all perſons ſhall perfozme and keepe the ſame reſolutions, ozders, and determinations, ſo by them to be made and determined touching the ſame.

Higham Ferrers in the Countie of Northampton.

¶ Hereafter enſueth the Certificat of Richard Warner Gentleman, Maior of the Towne & Borough of Higham Ferrers, in the Countie of Northampton, William Hughſe eſquire, Juſtice of Peace there, Thomas Rudde, John Jakſon, Chriſtopher Freeman, John Dewbery, and Robert Lyddall Aldermen of the ſame Borough, touching the order and rate taken by them concerning the wages of Artificers, Labourers, Seruants of Huſbandry, and other workemen, according to the Act made in the late Seſſion of Parliament had at Weſtminſter in the fift yeere of the reigne of our Soueraigne Lady the Queene, at the Court there holden the xv. day of Aprill, in the xxxvii. yeere of our ſaid Soueraigne Lady the Queene.

Artificers.

FRee Maſons, Carpenters, Joyners, or Caruers, Sawyers, Wheelewrights, Ropers, Collermakers, Brickelayers, rough Maſons, Turners, Glaſiers, Curriers, Bakers, Butchers, Shoomakers, Plaſterers, Tylers, Taylers, Turners, Glouers, Sadlers, and Cowpers, the beſt ſort by the day from the middeſt of September to the middeſt of March with meat & drinke iiii.d. without, vi.d. from the middeſt of March to the middeſt of September with meat and drinke vi.d. without, viii.d. by the yeere with liuery, xl.s. without, lvi.s. viii.d. The maſter Carpenter, and free Maſon, hauing three or foure men, and able to take charge of worke, with meate and drinke vi.d. without, x.d. and according to the rate in Winter, iiii.d. with meate and drinke, without, viii.d. The ſecond ſort by the day from the middeſt of September to the middeſt of March, with meate and drinke iii.d. without, vi.d. From the middeſt of March to the middeſt of September with meate and drinke, v.d. without, viii.d. by the yeere with liuery, xxviii.s. iiii.d. without liuery, xl.s.

Labourers by the yeere.

Common Labourers by the yeere from the middeſt of September to the middeſt of March with meate and drinke ii.d. without, iiii.d. From the middeſt of March, to the middeſt of September with meate and drinke, iii.d. without, vi.d.

Thatchers, Lath-renders, Mole takers, by the day from the middeſt of September to the middeſt of March with meate and drinke iiii.d. without, vi.d. from the middeſt of March to the middeſt of September, with meate and drinke vi.d. without, viii.d.

Seruants of Husbandry.

A Carter which vſeth carying by the high way, with liuery, xl.s. without liuery, xlvi.s. viii.d.
A ſeruant able to be a Bailife of Huſbandry, with liuery xxviii.s. iiii.d. without xl.s.
A Hinde ſeruant of the beſt ſort with liuery, xxvi.s. without, xxviii.s. iiii.d.
A Hinde ſeruant of the ſecond ſort, with liuery, xx.s. without, xxv.s.

Maydens.

A mayde ſeruant of the beſt ſort with liuery, xvi.s. without liuery, xx.s.
A mayde ſeruant of the ſecond ſort, with liuery xii.s. without liuery, xvi.s.

Mowers and Reapers.

A mower of Corne and Graſſe with meate and drinke iiii.d. without viii.d
A man reaping Corne with meate and drinke iiii.d. without vi.d.
A woman reaping Corne with meate and drinke iii.d. without, v.d.
A man for Hay and Harueſt worke, with meate and drinke iii.d. without, vi.d.
A woman for the like worke, with meate and drinke ii.d. without iiii.d.
A mower of Graſſe well growen, for euery acre viii.d. Barley and Oates well growen, euery acre iiii.d.
Beanes, Peaſe, Fitches, and ſuch like, euery acre v.d. Wheate, Rye, Stubble and Hame, for euery acre, v.d.
A Reaper for reaping and binding, and laying in ſhockes, Wheat and Rye, for euery acre, x.d.

Threſhers.

A Threſher of Wheate and Rye for euery quarter vi.d. Barley and Oates, for euery quarter, iiii.d. Beanes, Peaſe, Fitches, and Tares, for euery quarter v.d.

Hedgers.

A Hedger, for making a quicke Hedge wel plaſhed, for euery pole conteining xviii. foote, ii.d. A dead Hedge for euery pole conteining xviii. foote, i.d. ob.

Ditchers.

A Ditcher for making a ditch out of the ground being iii. foote deepe, and iii. foote wide, and one foote wide in the bottome, and double ſet with quicke ſet, euery Pole v.d. For a Ditch of iii. foote wide, and ii. foote and a halfe deepe, with like quicke ſet, for euery Pole iii.d.

Ploughwrights.

A Ploughwright for arelling euery Cart, iiii.d. for making euery Plough, vii.d.

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For euery hundreth of Lath well made, ii.d. ob.

Faggoters.

For euery hundreth of bruſh Faggots felling and making, ix.d. euery hundreth conteining ii. loades.

Sawyers.

For Sawing Board, euery hundred xvi.d. and for euery hundreth Slit worke, xviii.d.

Millers.

A Miller that can take charge to cogge and round, and lay newe Millſtones, and all other things perteining to a Miller, xl.s. of the ſecond ſort, xxxiii.s. iiii.d.
A Shepheard of the beſt ſort for the fallowe field, xxvi.s.

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